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For: FIELD DATA COLLECTION AND
PROCESSING SYSTEM, SUCH AS FOR
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND WATER UTILITY
DATA

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.